

Dear FCC,

Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. I have very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I believe this is a clear example of the how media consolidation can threaten our democracy. When large corporations control the airwaves, we get more of what is good for their 'bottom line' and less of the unbiased information we need to be effective public citizens.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

We stand at a critical point in our democracy. Your agency is now charged with serving and protecting the public interests inherent in a functioning democracy. Does extraordinary access to the public airwaves entitle that owner to promote their agenda in a national presidential election, without even making a pretense of unbiased reporting? Is that public democracy in action, or monopoly control?

I urge the FCC to stop this biased use of the public airwaves, or ensure that a pro-Kerry show, like 'Going Upriver' is also forced to be aired directly after.

Thank you.